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A LETTER FROM THE LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS

The President of the Senate
The Speaker of the House of Representatives

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

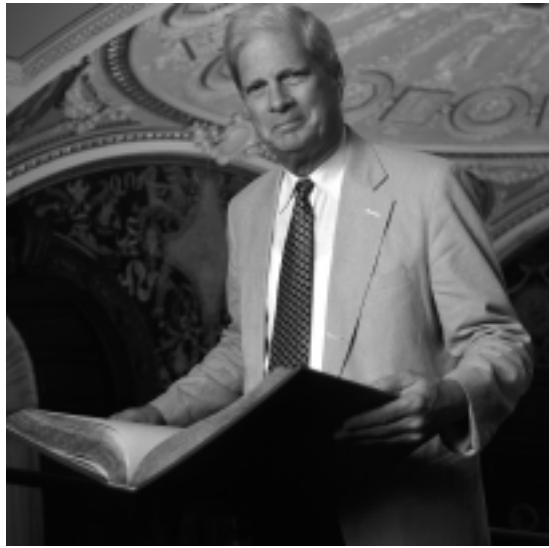
It is my pleasure to submit to you the *Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress* for fiscal year 2003.

With generous support from Congress, the Library further developed its security in a climate of heightened alert while continuing to carry out its mission of sustaining, preserving, and making accessible its universal collections. The Congressional Research Service and the Law Library provided Congress with the most current research and analysis relevant to the war on terrorism, homeland security, and many other issues of national and international concern.

In fiscal 2003, Congress entrusted the Library to draw up a national plan to preserve the rising flood of important but impermanent material available only in digital form. During the year, the Library received congressional approval of the plan, “Preserving Our Digital Heritage: Plan for the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program,” which the Library developed with extensive outside consultation. The plan was approved, as was the release of \$35 million of the \$99.8 million that Congress initially appropriated for the program in fiscal 2001. To begin its next phase, the program seeks project applications to develop a model for the collection and preservation of historically significant digital materials that are at risk of disappearing forever.

Also in fiscal 2003, the Library began bringing some of the world’s leading senior scholars to use the Library’s collections and to interact with members of Congress. The John W. Kluge Center at the Library of Congress officially opened its doors on May 7, 2003. Endowed by John Kluge, the founding chairman of the James Madison Council, the center has five Kluge chairs and three others created by other private donations. The Library also began a comprehensive international search to identify the winner of the first Nobel-level award for lifetime achievement in the human sciences, the \$1 million Kluge prize.

The year 2003 marked the anniversary of two major milestones in American history: the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the centennial of the Wright brothers' first flight. The Library commemorated those anniversaries with two exhibitions: *Rivers, Edens, Empires: Lewis & Clark and the Revealing of America* and *The Dream of Flight*. The *Lewis & Clark* exhibition featured one of the most important



Librarian of Congress James H. Billington. (Photo by Sam Kittner)

single acquisitions in the Library's history: German cartographer Martin Waldseemüller's 1507 map of the world. It is the first map to portray the New World as a separate continent, and the first document of any kind to call the New World "America," in honor of explorer Amerigo Vespucci.

The Library also celebrated milestones in its broader service to the nation. Fifty years ago—in January 1953—the Library began to print and sell inexpensive catalog cards for sound recordings of all kinds. This service was similar to the card service that the Library began providing for books and pamphlets in 1901. The Library's

combined catalog distribution service for all formats, which was made possible by the Library's development and publication of rules for the descriptive cataloging of such materials, now saves the nation's libraries more than \$100 million annually by providing timely, high-quality catalog records. In 2003, the Library's continuing effort to preserve sound recordings again made history with the first annual selection of fifty items to the National Recording Registry, in accordance with the responsibilities vested in the Library under the National Recording Preservation Act of 2000.

The Library also celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Center for the Book, which, in 2003, achieved its goal of fostering affiliated reading promotion centers in all fifty states; the thirtieth anniversary of the cooperative online serials (CONSER) cataloging program, which built a database of more than 1 million bibliographic serial records; and the twentieth anniversary of the United States Newspaper Program, which is on track to preserve 60 million pages of newsprint on microfilm by 2006.

Library Services continued to perform the many functions of a national library: collection development, cataloging, preservation, and outreach, as well as an international leadership role in the development of online reference services. The Copyright Office continued to improve business processes to streamline its operations and to facilitate the registration of an increasing number of digital works.

The Library—the world's largest and most comprehensive repository of human knowledge—shares its resources globally, as well as locally, through its award-winning Web site. A new site called Wise Guide, which is a monthly online magazine, introduces newcomers to the Library's site by providing links to the highlights of the Library's electronic educational resources. Building on its popular American Memory and America's Library Web sites, which now contain more than 8.5 million items of American history and culture for scholars and researchers, as well as for children and families, the Library also continued to enhance its Global Gateway site with a growing number of links to its unparalleled international resources.

In fiscal 2003, the size of the Library's collection grew to 127.7 million items, including more than 29 million cataloged books and other printed materials, 57 million manuscripts, 13.7 million microforms, 4.8 million maps, more than 5 million items in the music collection, nearly 14 million visual materials, 2.7 million audio materials, and more than 1 million items in miscellaneous formats.

To house its burgeoning collections, the Library opened an off-site storage facility in Fort Meade, Maryland, in November 2002, with an estimated capacity to house 1.2 million items in an optimal preservation environment. By the close of the fiscal year, 653,783 volumes had been transferred to the first module of the facility. Planning continued for the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center (NAVCC) in Culpeper, Virginia. Generously funded by the Packard Humanities Institute and supported by Congress, the facility will eventually house the Library's recorded sound, videotape, safety film, and nitrate film collections when it opens in 2005.

Those and many other initiatives were accomplished during the year by the Library's permanent staff of 4,151 members—the institution's most valuable asset. This report describes their achievements while sustaining a collection without equal in the world for the benefit of current and future generations of lawmakers and their constituents.

Respectfully,

James H. Billington

The Librarian of Congress

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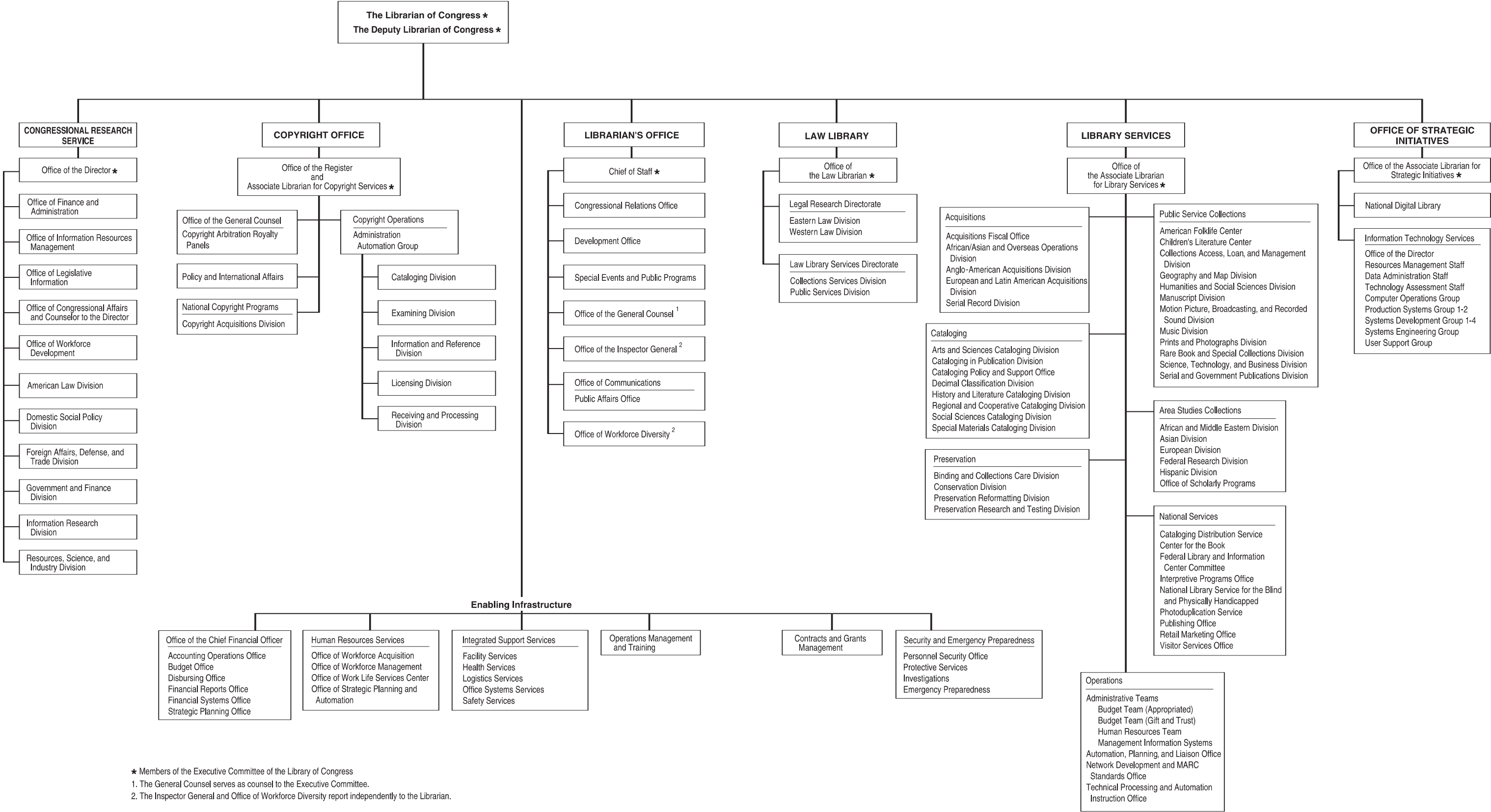
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as of September 30, 2003



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